

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claim 5 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. See, Office Action, page 6. In response, independent claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim as previously provided, and thus, newly amended claim 2 should pass to allowance. Further, claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12 depend from claim 2 either directly or indirectly and thus also should be allowed. Claims 1, 5, 9 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the obviousness rejections should be withdrawn, and thus, this case should pass to allowance as further discussed above.

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